Circle	Amount (Rs. in Crores)
18. U.P.	108.3100
19. West Bengal	151.7900
GRAND TOTAL	487.0800 Crores

Closing down of post office in Karol Bagh

102. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem which appeared in the Hindu dated 1st November, 1999 under the caption, "outcry over move to close down post office" wherein it has been alleged that postal Deptt. Officials, in connivance with a builder are trying to pull down an existing post office in Karol Bagh, Delhi to help the builder to raise a multi-storeyed Commercial Complex; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in order to thwart this move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Government's attention has been drawn to the relevant newsitem which appeared in the Hindu dated 1st Nov. 1999 under the caption "outcry over move to close down post office". The department was looking for suitable alternate accommodation with no successful result. Hence it was proposed to temporarily merge it with Karol Bagh Head Office which is a half kilometer away.

(b) The proposal was reviewed and it was decided to continue the Post Office in the present premises.